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DALEA MOUNTJOYAE M. WOODS (FABACEAE), A NEW NAME FOR *DALEA GRACILIS* (NUTTALL) D.B. WARD

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ABSTRACT

Dalea mountjoyae M. Woods (Fabaceae) is a new name proposed to replace *D. gracilis* (Nuttall) D.B Ward, a later homonym of *D. gracilis* Kunth.

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Ward (2004) established *Dalea gracilis* (Nuttall) D.B. Ward when he elevated *D. carnea* (Michaux) Poiret var. *gracilis* (Nuttall) Barneby (Barneby 1977) to species rank. However, *Dalea gracilis* (Nuttall) D.B. Ward is illegitimate because the name is blocked from transfer into *Dalea* at specific rank by the pre-existing *Dalea gracilis* Kunth (Kunth 1819). Although, *D. gracilis* Kunth is now considered a synonym of *D. sericea* G. Don (Tropicos.org 2013), *D. gracilis* (Nuttall) D.B. Ward is nonetheless illegitimate under ICN article 53.1 (McNeill et al 2011). I concur with the specific level status recommended by Ward and propose the following new name to accommodate recognition of this taxon at that rank in the genus *Dalea*.

Dalea mountjoyae M. Woods, **nom. nov.**, based on *Petalostemon gracile* Nuttall, J. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia 7: 92. 1834 (holotype: PH; isotypes: GH, NY).

This species is named for Marcella F. Mountjoy, former biology teacher at Williamsburg (Kentucky) High School, who first instilled within the author a love for nature.

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